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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on December 26, 2002, please amend the
above identified patent application without prejudice as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace claim 1 with the following amended claim 1.

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1. (Amended) An airspring (10) comprising a flexible cylindrical sleeve (14) secured at
opposing ends, and first and second retainers (12, 26), the sleeve being secured at a first end to
one of the retainers (12 or 26), and at the opposing end to other retainer (26 or 12), the
improvement being characterized by:

one of the retainers (26) having an integrally formed bumper-contact surface (52) within
the sleeve (14) for axial movement into the sleeve (14), for contact with the other retainer (12),
and for absorbing and transmitting forces generated from such contact, the bumper contact
surface (52) being centrally located on the surface of the retainer (26) which extends into the
sleeve (14) during axial movement into the sleeve (14).

The above amendment is supported by the original specification.